

HORSEMAN MISSES PENALTY—FLOODLIT RECORD DIMMED

Oxford City 1, Wycombe Wanderers 0.

WYCOMBE surrendered their unbeaten record in the Wycombe Floodlight Cup at the White House ground, Oxford, on Wednesday evening. And incredible though it may sound, Tony Horseman missed an 18th-minute penalty.

Old rivals Oxford produced the winning goal only three minutes from the finish to rob Wycombe of a point they had fought hard for.

With two such well marshalled defences on display little scope was given for the opposing forwards and when there was a hint of danger both goalkeepers Maskell and Shippey were quick to cut out the openings.

Neither of the teams could stay on top long enough to dictate the pace of the match and consequently play was switching from end to end.

For Wycombe Keith Samuels probed intelligently behind his forwards, while wingers Worley and Merrick were a constant source of danger to the Oxford rearguard.

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It was Worley who set up the first real goalscoring chance of the match when he bewildered three home defenders with his dazzling footwork, before giving Samuels a glorious through pass. The left-half had little opportunity of scoring as he was blatantly

brought down in the box.

Goal king Horseman strode confidently up to the spot-kick and to his amazement crashed the ball against the left hand post with Shippey punching clear the rebound.

Just before half-time Wycombe again hit the woodwork when following a clever move between Merrick and Gale, Petit saw his snap header hit the bar. He then blazed the rebound over the top.

As in the first-half the second period proved that neither team contained a player clever enough to outwit the defences and create openings for his forwards.

With just three minutes remaining Oxford scored a scrappy winning goal. A cross into the Wycombe area was only partially cleared and with the ball bobbing dangerously in the Wanderers goalmouth Morton stabbed it home to give the points to Oxford.

Oxford City: J. Shippey, R. Jackson, G. Pullin, R. Goodison, J. Shufflebotham, D. Taylor, M. Ramsden, T. Bradbury, J. Woodley, S. Morton, M. Prescott.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, I. Rundle, C. Gale, B. Baker, V. Faulkner, K. Samuels, L. Worley, D. Petit, W. Busby, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.